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Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a 51 year old female registered nurse. For the past year I have been taking compounded prescriptions (hormone replacement therapy) and am extremely pleased with the difference these have made in my life. The compounded prescriptions have relieved my symptoms and made it possible to feel normal and healthy again.

I was unhappy with traditional commercial "one size fits all " HRT. It replaced one set of symptoms with an equally disturbing set of side effects. Many of my female relatives and friends have simply quit HRT because of the side effects they experienced while taking commercial pharmaceutical HRT prescriptions. With compounded prescriptions I have all the benefits of HRT with no disturbing side effects. These compounded prescriptions relieve the symptoms I experienced with peri-menopause. With them I am my normal healthy self.

I currently get my prescriptions filled by an out-of -state compounding pharmacy, Madison Pharmacy. I am extremely pleased with their medication, service, and professionalism. No local pharmacy is able or willing to compound my prescriptions. The services that Madison Pharmacy provides me and my doctor (H.Dean Jones, M.D.) are not available from commercial pharmacy manufacturers. I am concerned that limiting the number of prescriptions this pharmacy could ship out of state would compromise my quality of life by restricting my ability to obtain medication my doctor has prescribed and I need.

To summarize I believe the prescriptions my compounding pharmacy supplies are absolutely essential to my health and well-being. HRT commercial pharmaceutical products are not appropriate for me. If I were unable to get my compounded prescription I would find it necessary to stop HRT and again suffer daily depression, nervousness and anxiety, sleeplessness, mood swings, and hot flashes. This is no way to live! Please do not take away my ability to chose treatment that works for me.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 815-963-2666.

Sincerely,

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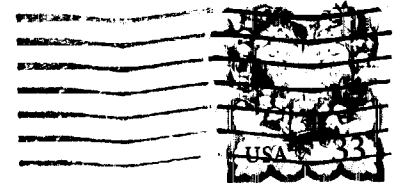
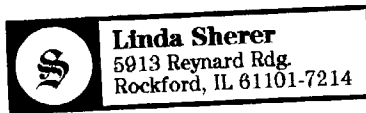
I OPPOSE THE DRAFT M.O.U. being proposed by the FDA. In particular, I OBJECT to the definition of "inordinate amount" which restricts the availability and the right to obtain medically necessary compounded medications by limiting the number of prescriptions that can be shipped across state lines from specialized compounding pharmacies.

Linda E. Sherer
Signature

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Date

COMMENTS: see attached letter.

Please fold, seal, and mail by March 22



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